Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 05 Nov 2020 until 23:59 on Friday 06 Nov 2020

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 04 Nov 2020 at 10:06 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for rather cloudy with patchy rain in west and north through to mid-Friday, medium for the cloud cover across eastern ranges, then more generally medium for the rainfall detail from Saturday, with increasing chance of showers.

Headline for Thursday 05 Nov 2020: West cloudy with patchy rain and quite extensive hill fog. East mainly dry, occasionally bright.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 05 Nov 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Drizzle	Light rain	Drizzle	Light rain	Light rain showers	Light rain	Light rain	Drizzle
Precipitation probability							
80%	70%	60%	40%	30%	30%	40%	60%

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Weather: Western and northern ranges rather cloudy with patchy light rain and drizzle, this most persistent across coastal ranges. Best chance of dry and brighter conditions expected towards the northern end of the Great Glen, particularly either side of mid-day. Cloud thickening late evening with the patchy rain extending more readily eastwards.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: By day ranging from 20% or less in west and north and 60% towards the northern end of the Great Glen, with bases quite extensive from 450-600m, and broken from 700-1000m respectively.

Visibility: Good lowering to a handful of kilometres in rain, less in hill fog and drizzle.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	32/43 SW	30/42 W	29/41 W	31/44 SW	28/40 SW	27/40 SW	29/42 SW	29/42 SW	25/37 SW
900	31/42 SW	28/39 W	27/38 W	29/42 SW	27/39 SW	26/38 SW	27/41 SW	28/41 SW	24/35 SW
600	21/33 SW	20/31 SW	20/31 SW	21/33 SW	20/33 SW	21/33 SW	22/35 SW	21/34 SW	18/30 SW
300	8/30 SW	7/29 W	7/29 W	10/31 SW	12/31 SW	8/30 SW	8/30 SW	9/31 SW	8/27 SW
Glen	9/20 SW	9/21 W	10/21 SW	9/21 SW	12/23 SW	11/24 SW	10/23 SW	10/23 SW	9/21 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	5/-2	5/-1	5/-1	4/-2	4/-2	4/-3	3/-3	3/-3	3/-3
900	5/-1	6/0	6/0	5/-1	4/-1	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2
600	7/2	8/3	7/3	7/2	7/2	6/2	6/1	6/1	6/1
300	8/6	9/7	8/7	8/6	9/6	8/6	8/6	8/5	8/6
Glen	10/9	11/9	11/9	11/9	11/9	11/9	10/8	10/8	10/8
Freezing Level*	3100m	3000m	2600m	1700m	2300m	1900m	2200m	2600m	2700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Potentially hazardous conditions in west and north with hill fog, summit gales and a significant wind chill effect.

Forecast for Friday 06 Nov 2020

Weather: Similar to Thursday for the morning and early afternoon with skies cloudy to overcast in the west bringing occasional light rain, drizzle and quite extensive hill fog, while peaks around the northern end of the Great Glen see the best of the shelter and limited brighter spells. Gradually conditions improving from the south from late afternoon and through the evening with clouds lifting and breaking bringing a dry and clear end to the day.

Maximum wind: Beginning southwest 20-25mph with gusts reaching 40-45mph across most exposed ridges and summits, easing a touch late morning and early afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Initially ranging from 20% or less in west and north and 60% towards the northern end of the Great Glen, with bases quite extensive from 450-600m, and broken from 700-1000m respectively. Becoming during the evening 90% for all as bases lift and break from south.

Visibility: Good lowering to a handful of kilometres in rain, less in hill fog and drizzle.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius increasing 11 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Plus 2-4 Celsius
Freezing level: Above all summits, lowering 1100m late evening

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